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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FLOWER GARDEN BANKS BOUNDARY MODI-**
4 **FICATION.**

5 (a) MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding section 304 of
6 the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1434),
7 the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Ma-
8 rine Sanctuary, as designated by Public Law 102–251, are
9 amended to include the area described in subsection (d),
10 popularly known as Stetson Bank. This area shall be part

1 of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
2 and shall be managed and regulated as though it had been
3 designated by the Secretary of Commerce under the Na-
4 tional Marine Sanctuaries Act.

5 (b) DEPICTION OF SANCTUARY BOUNDARIES.—The
6 Secretary of Commerce shall—

7 (1) prepare a chart depicting the boundaries of
8 the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanc-
9 tuary, as modified by this section; and

10 (2) submit copies of this chart to the Commit-
11 tee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House
12 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
13 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

14 (c) APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.—Regulations is-
15 sued by the Secretary of Commerce to implement the des-
16 ignation of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine
17 Sanctuary shall apply to the area described in subsection
18 (d), unless modified by the Secretary. This subsection
19 shall take effect 45 days after the date of enactment of
20 this Act.

21 (d) AREA DESCRIBED.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), the area referred to in subsections (a),
24 (b), and (c) is the area that is—

1 (A) generally depicted on the Department
2 of the Interior, Minerals Management Service
3 map titled “Western Gulf of Mexico, Lease Sale
4 143, September 1993, Biologically Sensitive
5 Areas, Map 3 of 3, Final”;

6 (B) labeled “Stetson” on the High Island
7 Area South Addition diagram on that map; and

8 (C) within the 52 meter isobath.

9 (2) MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS.—The
10 Secretary of Commerce may make minor adjust-
11 ments to the boundaries of the area described in
12 paragraph (1) as necessary to protect the living
13 coral resources of Stetson Bank or to simplify ad-
14 ministration of the Flower Garden Banks National
15 Marine Sanctuary.

16 (e) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce
18 shall, as soon as practicable after the date of the en-
19 actment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register
20 a notice describing—

21 (A) the boundaries of the Flower Garden
22 Banks National Marine Sanctuary, as modified
23 by this section, and

24 (B) any modification of regulations appli-
25 cable to that Sanctuary that are necessary to

1 implement that modification of the boundaries
2 of the Sanctuary.

3 (2) TREATMENT AS NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER
4 NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.—A notice
5 published under paragraph (1) shall be considered to
6 be the notice required to be published under section
7 304(b)(1) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act
8 (16 U.S.C. 1434).

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER.**

10 Of amounts appropriated by Public Law 103–139 to
11 the Department of the Navy for Shipbuilding and Conver-
12 sion, Navy, the Secretary of the Navy shall transfer
13 \$8,000,000 not later than April 15, 1994, to the Adminis-
14 trator of the Maritime Administration for the Conversion
15 of the USNS CHAUVENET to a training ship for the
16 Texas Maritime Academy’s Training Program.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 21,
1994.

Attest:

Clerk.